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Applicants : Katsuhiro Doi, et al.  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	7	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** = 3	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.

☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☒ petition for extension of time.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on July 19, 2006 (July 17, 2006 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.